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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday June 24, 2014. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Karen Wilk, Chairperson of the Board**, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

BARBARA J. BEHRENS, P.T.A.	Present
DAVID BERTONE, P.T.	Present
JEAN BICKAL, ESQ	Present
MARY B. BROWNE, P.T.	Present
NANCY KIRSCH, P.T.	Present
CINDY MOORE, P.T.	Present
BETH SARFATY, P.T.	Present
KAREN WILK, P.T.	Present

Also present were: **John Hugelmeyer, Deputy Attorney General; Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director**

Members of the public: Cathy Chin, representative of Select Medical; Daniel Klim, Executive Director of the APTA-NJ; Jessica Fulmino, PT; Brian Mason, PT, Representative of the APTA-NJ; Earl M. Baker, PhD, representative of Genesis HealthCare

PUBLIC COMMENT

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2014 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Board meeting as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 9:30 A.M. Presentation by Robert Campanelli, Ethics Officer of the Division of Consumer Affairs

The presentation was canceled and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

B. Continuing Education Course Reviewers' Recommendations

Nancy Kirsch recused herself as she is employed by Rutgers.

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the course reviewers at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, formerly the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), for continuing education courses submitted by sponsors for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Mary Browne and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to accept the course reviewer's recommendations as presented. The 113 approved courses will be posted on the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners' website. Sixteen courses were denied, as they did not meet all the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**C. Inquiry from Petra Abdoo-Winterberg, PT
RE: Continuing Education**

Ms. Abdoo-Winterberg inquired whether the Board would consider offering continuing education credit for supervising students. Ms. Abdoo-Winterberg informed the Board that she completed the maximum number of 10 continuing education credits that she could receive from distance learning courses for this renewal period. Ms. Abdoo-Winterberg inquired whether the proposed on-line jurisprudence course will count towards the 10 credits a licensee can receive from distance learning courses.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Beth Sarfaty to advise Ms. Abdoo-Winterberg that the Board has drafted regulations that would allow licensees to receive continuing education credits for being a clinical instructor. The drafted regulations must be promulgated and adopted before they are implemented which can be a lengthy process. The Board will also inform Ms. Abdoo-Winterberg that the credits from the on-line jurisprudence course will not count towards the 10 credits a licensee can receive from distance learning courses. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**D. Inquiry from Jeanette Miller, PTA
RE: Scope of Practice**

Ms. Miller informed the Board that she holds a Lymphedema certification. Ms. Miller inquired whether she can provide lymphedema services for free to an individual who is diagnosed with lymphedema.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to advise Ms. Miller that she can provide lymphedema services for free provided she is supervised by a physical therapist and an assessment has been made by a physical therapist. The Board will remind Ms. Miller that she must comply with all the statutes and regulations including record keeping. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- E. Inquiry from Michelle Peterson, PT
RE: Scope of Practice

Ms. Peterson inquired whether a physical therapist can treat a patient with a written “bedrest” order if they have a physical therapy consult or should the bedrest order be lifted prior to physical therapy treatment.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Mary Browne to inform Ms. Peterson that the physical therapist should use their professional judgment concerning physical therapy treatment and may also consult with the physician regarding the bedrest order. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- F. Discussion with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
RE: - N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18(8)
- CAPTE Accreditation

The Board discussed N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18(8), “Maintain a record of every physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensed in this State, his place of business, his place of residence, and the date and number of his license”.

A motion was made by David Bertone and seconded by Nancy Kirsch to implement this requirement on the next renewal application. The licensees will need to provide on the next renewal application their primary business address and their residence address. The licensee can choose whether they want their primary business address to be their mailing address or their address of record. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the educational requirements in order to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination for physical therapist assistants.

- G. Letter from Morine J. Picone, PTA
RE: Continuing Education

Ms. Picone asked the Board for a waiver of the continuing education requirement for this renewal period due to her medical condition/injuries.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to suggest that Ms. Picone place her license on inactive status and reactivate her license when she has recuperated from her injuries and can return practice. The Board will also inform Ms. Picone that they will not grant her a waiver of the continuing education requirement at this time. It is early in the renewal period as she may make positive progress in the recovery of her medical condition/injuries and may be able to attend courses in the second half of the renewal period. The Board will inform Ms. Picone that, if necessary, she can ask the Board for a waiver in the second half of the renewal period. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- H. Letter from Ariane A. Newman from Richard Stockton College of NJ
RE: Substitute Speaker

Ariane A. Newman advised the Board that the approved course, "Contemporary Orthopedic Care: The O.R. Through Rehabilitation" will be given with a new course lecturer, Zachary Douglas Post, MD. Ms. Newman provided the Board with a copy of Dr. Post's Curriculum Vitae for its review.

A motion made by Barbara J. Behrens and seconded by Mary Browne to acknowledge that the qualifications of Zachary Douglas Post, MD, as lecturer for the course, "Contemporary Orthopedic Care: The O.R. Through Rehabilitation" were supported by his Curriculum Vitae. The Board approved the substitute lecturer. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- I. Assembly No. 3225
(Synopsis - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants)
- Introduced May 22, 2014

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Mary Browne to advise the Division of Consumer Affairs legislative liaison that the Board strongly opposes this bill. The education for the chiropractic assistants should be determined by an external accrediting body and not by the Board. There are no curricular components and no standards for the clinical training for the chiropractic assistants in this bill. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- J. Continuing Education Application
from Atlantic Health System

Mary Browne recused herself as she was an employee of Atlantic Health.

Atlantic Health System submitted one application together with a \$100.00 check for their sports medicine lecture series which includes twelve separate lectures. Atlantic Health System has submitted the lecture series in the past with only one application and one administrative fee.

A motion was made by Jean Bickal and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to inform Atlantic Health System that they must submit a \$100.00 administrative fee for each lecture in the sports medicine lecture series as they are separate courses. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon a motion made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters involving investigations of violations of the Board's enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

- K. New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners August 26, 2014
Board Meeting

A motion was made by David Bertone and seconded by Jean Bickal to cancel the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners August 26, 2014 Board Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

1. Eleven matters filed with the Board, which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or actions.
2. Seven matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Hiral Patel
2. Hrishikesh Krishnani
3. Kassandra DeGuzman
4. Kinjalbahen Patel

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Pinkle Deep Kaur
2. Sheryl A. Bompat
3. Neepa Oza

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Jean Bickal to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Tadeo
Executive Director